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SUBJ: CSCE: GDR RUMOR OF CHANGED US POSITION ON FOLLOW-UP

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1. REAL REASON WHY BONN HAS RAISED REFTEL QUESTION AT THIS TIME MAY BE RUMOR GDR DELEGATION HERE HAS RECENTLY PASSED ON TO FRG DEL. GDR DEL EVIDENTLY TOLD FRG DEL PRIVATELY THAT, FOLLOWING VLADIVOSTOK MEETING, US POSITION ON FOLLOW-UP HAD CHANGED, AND US WAS NOW PREPARED TO ACCEPT FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM OF SOME KIND. WE TOLD FRG DEL THAT AS FAR AS WE KNEW FOLLOW-UP WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN VLADIVOSTOK, AND THAT OUR SUPPORT OF DANISH PROPOSAL HAS NEP CHANGED.

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2. WE USED NATO DELEGATIONHEADS' CAUNIHS # DEC. 5 TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT AND GIVE FULLER EXPLANATION OF OUR PRESENT VIEW OF NEGOTIATING SITUATION WITH REGARD TO FOLLOW-UP. WE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) OUR POSITION ON FOLLOW-UP HAS NOT CHANGED AND WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT DANISH PROPOSAL; (B) AT SAME TIME WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT ROMANIANS, YUGOSLAVS AND OTHERS WILL TAKE A TOUGH POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT TOWARD THE END OF STAGE II. WE THINK THERE WILL BE A WIDESPREAD POLITICAL DESIRE TO TRY TO MEET THEIR NEEDS IN SOME FASHION, HOWEVER LIMITED; (C) THIS BEING THE CASE, WE THINK IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CONSULT AMONG OURSELVES ON POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS FOR CHANNELING THIS TENDENCY. WHAT KINDS OF GESTURES WILL BE WILLING TO MAKE TO TRY TO SATISFY ROMANIAN AND YUGOSLAV DESIRES, AND HOW FAR ARE WE PREPARED TO GO? (D) IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE RAISED THIS SUBJECT IN THE NAC. WE DO NOT FEEL THIS IS URGENT, BUT IT MAY REQUIRE SOME REFLECTION. OUR FEELING IS THAT WE MIGHT DISCUSS IT SOME TIME AFTER THE CONSULTATIONS FORESEEN IN THE NAC TOWARD THE END OF JANUARY.

3. ALL DELEGATIONS WHO SPOKE AGREED WITH THIS APPROACH. ITALIAN DEL SUGGESTED STARTING THESE CONSULTATIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS RECESS, BUT MAJORITY CONCURRED WITH OUR SUGGESTED TIMING. DALE

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